

# **NON-PULL CORD OPERABLE VENETIAN BLIND**

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention is related to a non-pull cord operable Venetian blind, including a retaining device located at each end of a lower beam of a Venetian blind therein in working with a retaining cord. The retaining device is made up of a holding sleeve, a driven member adapted at the holding sleeve therein, a limiting spring joined to one side of the driven member, a rotary member to activate the driven member therewith, and an outer cap applied at the outer side of the holding sleeve thereof; whereby, the retaining cord thereof is led through the retaining device with three layers of frictional resistance formed therewith in operation, ensuring the precise upwards or downwards movements of the Venetian blind without any other pull cords applied thereon in order to keep the safety of children in the household.

A conventional Venetian blind is usually made up of a volute wheel unit in working with pull cords and T-cords, which is not only tediously complex in assembly, but also quite dangerous to children in the household. When the Venetian blind is gathered up, pull cords are suspended downwards for a certain length outside the blind thereof. Children playing around the blind may easily get caught by the suspending pull cords. In case the blind is careless unfolded, the withdrawing pull cords might hurt or even strangle the children got caught in them. Thus, the conventional Venetian blind poses a potential danger to children in the household.

## **SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION**

**It is, therefore, the primary purpose of the present invention to provide a non-pull cord operable Venetian blind, including a retaining device located at each end of a lower beam of a Venetian blind therein in working with a retaining cord. The retaining device is made up of a holding sleeve, a driven member, a limiting spring, a rotary member, and an outer cap, through which the retaining cord is led with three layers of frictional resistance formed therewith, facilitating the precise upwards or downwards movement of the Venetian blind in gathering or unfolding operation under the best using condition.**

**It is, therefore, the secondary purpose of the present invention to provide a non-pull cord operable Venetian blind wherein the retaining cord wound through the retaining device is led straight downwards to be located at a window sill at the bottom end without any other pull cords applied thereon, refraining from the danger of hurting or choking children by the neck in order to ensure the safety of children in the household.**

**It is, therefore, the third purpose of the present invention to provide a non-pull cord operable Venetian blind wherein the Venetian blind is smoothly and precisely gathered up or unfolded via the retaining device in working with the retaining cord without any other volute wheel unit, pull cords, or T-cords applied thereon, economically cutting down the parts of assembly and the costs of materials as well as facilitating the assembly of the present invention in an easy and fast manner.**

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

**Fig. 1 is a perspective exploded view of the present invention.**

**Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the present invention in assembly.**

**Fig. 3 is a cross section view of the present invention in operation.**

**Fig. 4 is a cross sectional diagram showing a rotary member in working with a retaining cord of the present invention in operation.**

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

**Please refer to Fig, 1. The present invention is related to a non-pull cord operable Venetian blind, including a Venetian blind 10 and a lower beam 11 wherein the lower beam 11 has a fixing hole 111 disposed at both the upper and lower sides of both ends thereof respectively for a retaining device 20 to be located at the lower beam thereby. The retaining device 20 is made up of a holding sleeve 21, a limiting spring 22, a driven member 23, a rotary member 24, and an outer cap 25. The holding sleeve 21 has a pair of symmetrical flexible hook plates 211 disposed at the upper and lower periphery of one end thereof, a limiting hole 212 disposed at the middle section thereof, and a semicircular receiving cavity 213 with a bottom opening 2131 defined at the other end thereof. A pair of arc abutting ribs 2132 is symmetrically defined at the opposite inner wall of the receiving cavity 213 thereon, and an upper through hole 214 is protruded at the top of the receiving cavity 213 thereof. A stepwise tunnel 215 is extending at the inner middle section of the holding sleeve 21 communicating with the receiving cavity 213 at one end and ended with a small through hole 216 at the other end thereof. The limiting spring 22 has a sleeve hole 221 disposed at the center thereof, and a pair of left and right stop legs 222, 223 protruding correspondingly at both ends thereof. The driven member is made up of a sleeve rod 231 extending at the middle section thereof, a circular abutting part 232 disposed at one side of the sleeve rod 231 thereof, a flexible rotary shaft 233**

with a pair of symmetrical hooks 2331 protruding outwards from the center of the circular abutting part 232 thereof, and a pair of flexible plates 234 each with a stepwise hook flange 2341 symmetrically extending at the other side of the sleeve rod 231 thereof. The rotary member 24 is provided with a rectangular sleeve hole 241 defined at the center thereof, and a plurality of left and right blades 242, 243 extending alternatively in a fan-like manner at both sides thereof wherein each right blade 243 has a rib 2431 protruding at the corresponding inner side thereof. The outer cap 25 has an upper and a lower recesses 251 defined at both ends thereof, correspondingly matched to the receiving cavity 213 of the holding sleeve 21 thereof.

Please refer to Figs. 2, 3. In assembly, the sleeve hole 221 of the limiting spring 22 is joined to the sleeve rod 231 of the driven member 23 till abutted against the circular abutting part 232 thereof. The driven member 23 is then led to the receiving cavity 213 of the retaining sleeve 21 and adapted at the stepwise tunnel 215 therein with the hook flanges 2341 of the flexible plates 234 thereof passed through the small through hole 216 and fixed at the outer periphery thereon for location. The left and right stop legs 222, 223 of the limiting spring 22 are protruded upwards at the limiting hole 212 thereof, and the circular abutting part 232 adapted and abutted at the receiving cavity 213 therein. The rectangular sleeve hole 241 of the rotary member 24 is then led to the flexible rotary shaft 233 of the driven member 23 till the symmetrical hooks 2331 thereof securely hooked to the outer periphery of the right blades 243 thereof. The outer cap 25 is then applied onto the receiving cavity 213 with the upper and lower recesses 251 correspondingly matched to the upper through hole 214 and the bottom opening 2131 thereof respectively to complete the assembly of the retaining device 20 thereof. The retaining device 20 is adapted

at both ends of the lower beam 11 thereof respectively and fixedly located therein via the flexible hook plates 211 of the holding sleeve 21 securely engaged with the fixing holes 111 of the lower beam 11 thereof.

Please refer to Fig. 4. The outer cap 25 is removed from the retaining device 20 thereof for a retaining cord 12 disposed at both lateral sides of the Venetian blind 10 thereof respectively to be adapted at the retaining device 20 therein. The retaining cord 12 is led through the upper through hole 214 of the holding sleeve 21 thereof and wound through the alternative left and right blades 242, 243 of the rotary member 24 in clamping abutment there-between to form the first layer of frictional resistance of the retaining cord 12 in operation. When the rotary member 24 is rotated to activate the driven member 23 therewith, the limiting spring 22 with the left and right stop legs 222, 223 circumscribed by the lateral walls of the limiting hole 212 thereof will cut down the rotating speed of the rotary member 24 to form a second layer of frictional resistance in operation thereof. Moreover, the retaining cord 12, guided downwards through the abutting ribs 2132 of the receiving cavity 213 thereof, is clamped between the ribs 2431 of the right blades 243 and the abutting ribs 2132 of receiving cavity 213 thereof to form a third layer of frictional resistance thereof as shown in Fig. 4. The retaining cord 12, guided out of the bottom opening 2131 of the receiving cavity 213 thereof, is led straight downwards and securely fixed to a window sill A at the bottom end thereof without any other pull cords applied thereon. Thus, children in the household are safely prevented from the danger of careless getting caught or choke by pull cords of a blind when playing around.

In practical use, the lower beam 11 of the Venetian blind 10 is either pushed upwards or drawn downwards to gather up or unfold the Venetian blind

10 thereof. Via the guidance of the retaining cord 12, the rotary member 24 of the retaining device 20 will rotate counter-clockwise upwards to gather up the Venetian blind 10 thereof when the lower beam 11 thereof is pushed upwards. Otherwise, the rotary member 24 thereof is rotated clockwise downwards to unfold the Venetian blind 10 thereof. Thus, via the three layers of frictional resistance formed by the rotary member 24, the abutting ribs 2132 of the holding sleeve 21, and the driven member 23 with the limiting spring 22 in working with the retaining cord 12 thereof respectively, the Venetian blind 10 thereof is smoothly and precisely operated upwards or downwards in withdrawal or unfolding under the best using condition.